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SUBJ: U.S. CONFERENCES ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES

IN LIBERIA

1. JOSEPH RICHARDS, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF THE LIBERIA INDUSTRIAL FREE ZONE AUTHORITY (LIFZA), HAS ARRANGED THROUGH MAYORS' OFFICES OF THREE U.S. CITIES TO HOLD INDIVIDUAL CONFERENCES ON TRADE AND INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITIES IN LIBERIA. LIBERIAN TEAM WILL PRESENT INFORMATION ON SUBJECT TOPIC, PROVIDE LITERATURE TO INTERESTED BUSINESS PEOPLE AND ANSWER QUESTIONS.

2. CONFERENCES SCHEDULED IN FOLLOWING CITIES ON DATES SHOWN:
(A) CLEVELAND, OHIO - MARCH 15; (B) ATLANTA, GEORGIA - MARCH 20;
(C) LOS ANGELES, CALIF. - MARCH 23. PRELIMINARY ARRANGEMENTS ALREADY MADE. RICHARDS WILL VISIT EACH CITY PRIOR TO

SCHEDULED CONFERENCE TO ASSIST MAYORS WITH FINAL ARRANGEMENTS.

3. RICHARDS HAS CONTACTED EMBASSY AND HAS REQUESTED THAT USDOC SUPPLY SPEAKER AT EACH CONFERENCE TO COVER TOPIC OF U.S. GOVERNMENT ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO U.S. EXPORTERS AND OVERSEAS INVESTORS. IF SPEAKER FROM USDOC WASHINGTON NOT AVAILABLE, RICHARDS WELCOMES PARTICIPATION OF MEMBER(S) OF APPROPRIATE COMMERCE DISTRICT OFFICES. IF OPIC WISHES TO SUPPLY SPEAKER AT CONFERENCES, RICHARDS WELCOMES THEIR PARTICIPATION..

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4. IF DISTRICT OFFICES NOT ALREADY PARTICIPATING IN PLANNING OF CONFERENCES, SUGGEST THIS WOULD BE GOOD OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE U.S. BUSINESS PEOPLE WHO HAVE INTEREST IN INVESTMENT AND TRADE OPPORTUNITIES IN LIBERIA, SPECIFICALLY, AND WEST AFRICA, IN GENERAL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED : (A) FOR COMMERCE: PLEASE CONTACT MAYOR'S OFFICE IN EACH OF ABOVE THREE CITIES AND INDICATE HOW COMMERCE DEPARTMENT TO BE REPRESENTED. (B) FOR OPIC: IF OPIC INTERESTED IN PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCES, PLEASE COORDINATE WITH COMMERCE IN ARRANGING SPEAKER AND INFORMATION TO BE PRESENTED.

6. MANY THANKS.

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